

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



NOTICE TO COUNSEL
NO. 05-17

USDC-PR/FBA LITIGATION SEMINAR - OCTOBER 6-7, 2005

The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Federal Bar Association ("FBA") are sponsoring a *Litigation Seminar*, to be held on October 6 and 7, 2005 at the InterContinental Hotel in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico. This program is open to all members of the Bar of this Court who are in good standing. The seminar will be presided by the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy ("NITA").

NITA will conduct workshops covering the topics of (a) depositions, by Professor David Malone, (b) summary judgment practice, by United States District Court Judge Honorable Kathryn S. Hayden, (c) mediation and arbitration, by Professor Steve Briggs, and (d) direct and cross examination, by Professor Sanford M. ("Sandy") Brook. These faculty members are highly experienced and will provide participants with two full days of training.

Professor Malone is a nationally recognized expert on depositions and a litigation and trial consultant. He has taught hundreds of basic and advanced trial advocacy, expert witness, deposition and other trial-related programs across the United States, in England and Russia. He is the author of many texts and handbooks for practitioners, including The Effective Deposition, a widely used text on deposition practice and procedure. He is a former federal prosecutor, the head of the Litigation Department at a prominent Washington law firm and also one of the principals of Trial Run, Inc., a litigation consulting and trial training firm with offices in Chicago, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.

The Hon. Katharine S. Hayden, a U.S. District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey, is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law. She served as a judicial law clerk to New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Robert L. Clifford, and then served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. In 1978, Judge Hayden entered private practice, eventually specializing in family law. She was appointed to the New

Jersey Superior Court in 1991, and in 1997 she was appointed to the federal bench. She sits in Newark, New Jersey, and will be entrusted with the summary judgment practice portion of the program.

Professor Briggs is a former Judge of the Colorado Court of Appeals and more recently the President of the Colorado Bar Association. He is an expert on alternative dispute resolution ("ADR"), and was an Adjunct Professor at the Colorado University Law School, teaching a course in Negotiations and ADR. He has served as a volunteer mediator for non-profit organizations, and was also an active member of the Arbitration and Mediation Panels of the American Arbitration Association, and one of its first mediator trainers. He has served as trial judge for mock trials in regional training sessions of NITA and presents programs on topics such as mediation and arbitration, his passion.

Professor Brook is a former Chief Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals and is still considered one of the top trial lawyers and judges in the State of Indiana. He has taught trial advocacy at the University of Notre Dame Law School since 1987, is an active member of NITA, and recently joined the Judicial Arbitrator Group, Inc., one of the oldest, most successful private judicial services in the country, comprised exclusively of former trial and appellate judges, providing the legal and business communities with cost-effective, efficient dispute resolution programs and case evaluation services.

The Puerto Rico Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will coordinate hotel facilities, food and beverages. The registration fee for the two-day seminar, including meals, is a reduced \$125.00 per person for those members of the Bar who are in good standing (i.e., who are current in the annual bar membership fee payments – see 28 U. S. C. 1914 (b)(c)). This charge will only cover the hotel and other expenses, including reproduction of materials. The Federal Bar Association will independently establish and publish a separate fee schedule for attorneys and law students wishing to enroll who are not members of the Bar of this Court. This is an extraordinary training and continuing legal education opportunity for both novice and seasoned practitioners. Attendance is limited to 240 seats that shall be reserved on a first come, first served basis. For reservations please contact Ms. Carmen Serrano, Assistant to the Chief Deputy Clerk, U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, Clerk' Office, at (787) 772-3016 or email at carmen_serrano@prd.uscourts.gov Registration shall be completed by mailing a **check payable to Federal Bar Association, Puerto Rico Chapter** to the following address: Clerk of Court, c/o Carmen Serrano, Federico Degetau Federal Building, 150 Carlos Chardon Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1767. Receipt of payment must be no later than September 16, 2005. Payment will not be refunded for those who cancel after said date.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 24th day of August, 2005.


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